

All Saints' Memorial Church

674 Westminster St., Providence, RI 02903 <u>http://www.allsaintsmemorial.org</u>

E-Messenger, October 5, 2023

Come and worship Rejoice in fellowship Love and serve the Lord!

"Mix it up"

Dear All Saints' Family,

During our August Vestry retreat we stepped back to look at the bigger picture at All Saints'. We reflected on how All Saints' reflects God's Kingdom and what things/ attitudes/activities we need to set aside for the flourishing of God's Kingdom. All agreed that All Saints' hospitality, welcoming spirit, and fellowship are vigorously flourishing. We care about each other and see ourselves as family. Our Outreach Ministry serves as a beacon of light to the neighborhood and is an important part of building of God's Kingdom at All Saints' and outside our doors. The generosity of our small congregation is amazing. We marveled at the Tech ministry. The immense work of a tiny group is like the mustard seed blossoming into something much bigger. The Tech ministry extends outward, inviting many others into our worship in the sanctuary and downstairs in Rose Hall.

That was the easy part of the discussion. It was harder for us to put into words the things/attitudes/activities that we need to set aside that may be getting in the way of Kingdom work. There were a few observations such as encouraging more parishioners to volunteer for ministries outside of Sunday morning; being more willing as a Vestry to open our very large church to the community; and being more intentional about seating on Sunday morning.

We took up the latter suggestion during last Sunday's Vestry meeting. To the first timer who comes to worship at All Saints' (in-person or on-line) our church may look like we are segregated. Although as parishioners we know that hospitality and the sense that we are all family are strengths of this congregation, our Sunday seating looks otherwise to the visitor.

We all love the comfort and ease of sliding into our familiar pews. However, the Vestry offered a recommendation to the congregation: "Mix it up." Try out the experience of sitting in a different pew this Sunday. Meet a new friend. Reconnect with someone you have not talked with in a while. Be sure to say your name!

To make this a little easier, the Vestry suggests that everyone sits in center aisle pews. Rather than spreading out across the church, let us gather together in the center rows. No worries if you happen to arrive after the service has started. It is fine to move about the church while we are singing.

Your sister in Christ, Julie

A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

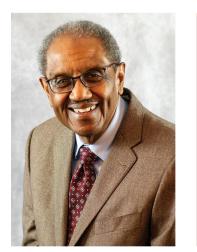
O Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

All are warmly welcome to join our Sunday Service of Holy Eucharist October 8, 9:30am Zoom Link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484006164?pwd=ZzAvZVFUM2 pKekorMGVzMFFEclFiUT09 Service Program: You will find Sunday's program here

The Wisdom of the African American Spirituals Tradition: *From Slave Fields to Concert Halls*

October 14-15th, 2023

Workshop: The Wisdom of the African American Spirituals Tradition





Arthur C. Jones, PhD Founder, *The Spirituals Project*, Lamont School of Music College of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences University of Denver

> Saturday, October 14th, 10 am – 12 pm Providence Public Library Donald J. Farish Auditorium, 3rd floor

Registration not required, but appreciated https://provlib.libcal.com/event/10576209

Concert: Lift Every Voice and Sing with the Rhode Island College Concert Chorus





Teresa S. Coffman, DMA, Director of Choral Activities

Sunday, October 15th, 5 pm All Saints' Memorial Church 674 Westminster Street allsaintsmemorial.org

Both events are free and all are welcome.



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Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 8



Willow (Charlotte)

You are invited to bring your beloved pet to our Service on Sunday, October 8 for a blessing. This week on October 4 we commemorated St. Francis of Assisi, remembering Francis' devotion to all creation.



Charlie Girl (Susan)



Mya Lee, Zorro, Stormy, and Peach (Selena, Janelle, and Kyanna)



Luna, Booddah, and Ollie



Amos (Nell and Mack)



Jewellia (Trish)



A visitor on the Feast of St. Francis looking down at us as we celebrated Eucharist. The squirrel must have found an open door and scampered upstairs all the way to the Lyte Room. We are enticing her into a "Have a Heart" trap and will release her outside.

Music Notes



Sunday's hymns begin with two folksongs, adapted for church use with different sacred texts. The Processional Hymn is a German folk tune originally entitled "*Es flog ein kleins Waldfoegelein*," as noted in the musical attribution at the bottom of the page in the hymnal. Those words translate literally as "It flies a small little forest bird." It appeared first in an early 17th-century German manuscript collection; and was set with the words we sing for church use (a poem by Christopher Wordsworth) by 1910. The tune is also quite similar in its opening motive and overall structure to the familiar 17th-century German church hymn *Lobe den Herrn*, which appears in our hymnal as "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (Hymn #390).

Our Gradual Hymn features an English folk song, which first appeared in print as a tune (*Royal Oak*) in *The Dancing Master* (1686) of John Playford, for use in English country dancing, which became wildly popular in England during the 17th- and 18th centuries, and in the American colonies as well. In fact, you may not know that while Revolutionary War soldiers of the Continental Army at Valley Forge were bloodying the winter snow with their bare feet outside, the officers had hired a dancing master so they could dance away the night inside to English country dancing tunes from Playford! The title "Royal Oak" refers the tree in Shropshire (England) where King Charles II hid during the 1651 Battle of Worcester. It probably derives from an earlier tune called "The 29th of May," which was a loyalist song celebrating the restoration of the monarchy on May 29, 1660, following the interim Puritan Commonwealth period.

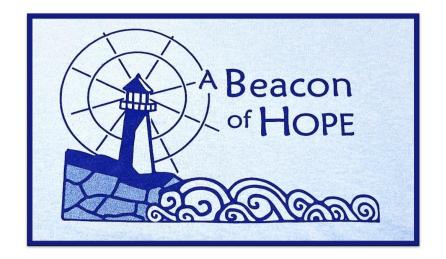
All to be sure that birds and trees are celebrated this morning in addition to all the animals present!

~ Rich Spicer



Fall Altar Arrangements

Do you have flowers or greens in your garden that might grace the altar on a Sunday? Please contact Marybeth Hanavan (<u>mbhanavan@gmail.com</u>) if you would like to bring flowers on a given Sunday. Please let Marybeth know one week in advance. Thank you.

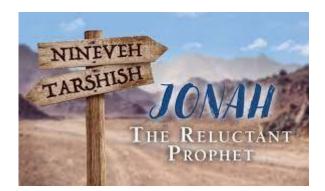


Outreach News

Next Meeting: Sunday, October 8 after the Service.

Outreach Food Collection: Each week All Saints' collects food to be distributed monthly to food pantries in our area. We welcome donations of any pre-packaged, non-expired food. Thank you for your generosity!

- October: Hot Cereal
- November: Macaroni and cheese



Wednesday Noonday Prayer and Faith Inquirers Discussion, October 11 at 12:00pm

All are welcome to join our Wednesday Noonday Prayer at 12:00 pm. You may participate via Zoom if you wish. Here is the zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82955504419?pwd=Si9tTzVFbTR4 K0ZjTy9jNVdkRFhuQT09

We are reading the Book of Jonah. Discussion follows Noonday Prayer at 12:15.

Upcoming Events

October 8: Blessing of the Animals

October 8: Outreach meeting following the Service

October 14: Wisdom of the Spirituals, 10am-12:00pm Providence Public Library

October 15: Lift Every Voice and Sing, RIC Concert Chorus James F. Burgess, Jr. Memorial Concert All Saints' Memorial Church, 5:00pm

PRAYERS

We pray for our fellow parishioners Derek, Gus, Marie, Trish, Victor, Rose, Susan, Gloria, Theo, Musa, Barry, Agnes, and Sara. We also pray for Dorothea Evans Gordon, Margaret Barney, Clarence Scott, Germaine, Naida Thomas, Merynn Flynn, Karen L., Stephen, Barbara K., Lusaynie Sirleaf, John Flinton, James, Rachael, Zo, Dan, Lillian, Eva McBorrough, Audrey Hennessey, Lisa, Aeisha Scott, Carla, and Jennifer.

We pray for all who work for peace and members of our armed forces especially Hannah Makuch. Altar flowers are given in loving memory of Beverly L. Hoskin by Marsha Mott.

We pray for those who celebrate birthdays especially Lydia Muhlenburg and Alex Perdue.

SCRIPTURE READINGS AND MINISTRIES

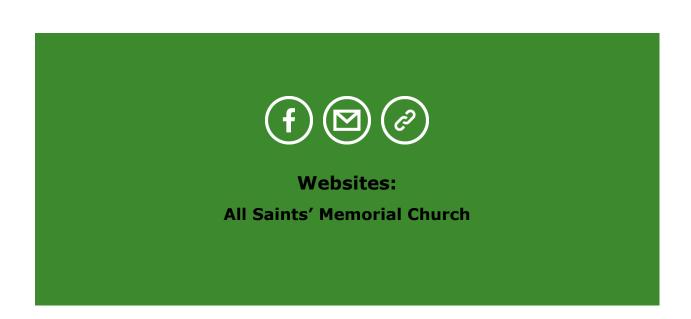
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First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7 Rosetta Evans Response: Psalm 80:7-14 Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14 April Donahower Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46 Prayers: Monika Kraemer Altar Guild: Dan and Kathy Chalice: Barbara Badio Acolyte: Dan Mechnig Coffee Hour: Rosetta, Roselyn, Barbara

October 15, 2023 First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9 Susan Goodnough Response: Psalm 23 Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9 Wilmar Jennings Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14 Prayers: Gigi Fahnbulleh Altar Guild: Kardi and Lydia Chalice: Dan Mechnig Acolyte: Eric Hirsch Coffee Hour: Rosetta, Roselyn, Barbara

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